

REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Attorney Docket: 622/43633CP3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Rule 53(b) continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/441,373
Filed on November 17, 1999
Of Rudolf Wagner, et al.
Entitled: PROCESS FOR HANDLING WORKPIECES
AND APPARATUS
Examiner: L. TENTONI
Group: 1732
Batch No: R62

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.
Total pages 45
2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of sheet(s), depicting Figures .
- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. X Copy from prior application
- i. Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying

application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- X 5. Cancel original claims 1-26.
6. Small entity status:
- a. A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- c. Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee		\$355		\$710
Total Claims <u>18</u>	- 20 = <u>0</u>	x 9 = \$	<u> </u>	18 = \$ <u> </u>
Ind. Claims <u>4</u>	- 3 = <u>1</u>	x 40 = \$	<u> </u>	80 = \$ <u>80.00</u>
<u> </u> Multiple Dependent Claims		+ 135 = \$	<u> </u>	270 = \$ <u> </u>
	Total	\$	<u> </u>	\$790.00


8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #622/43633CP2) in the amount of \$.
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/441,373, filed November 17, 1999.--
12. Priority of Appln. No(s). , filed in on , is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

- _____ 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. _____ on _____.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Balzers Aktiengesellschaft.
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
- Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.
- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- _____ b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- _____ c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:
- EVENSON, McKEOWN, EDWARDS
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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.

- X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.
19. Other:

Respectfully submitted,

January 23, 2001



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